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Requirement for Information

Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to

provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to

the examination of this application.

The applicants are requested to identify the structure(s) disclosed in the specification and

drawings that perform the function of each and every means plus function limitation in the

claims. Upon reviewing the application, the Examiner concluded that the correspondence

between function and structure was subject to different interpretations. For example, the means

for receiving request and mapping the requests as claimed in claim 1 are only shown in the

drawings as high-level abstract concepts and there is never any specific description given in the

specification. It is unclear what the applicants intend. Since this information is necessary to

determine the patentability of the claims over the prior art, this information is reasonably

necessary to properly examine the application.

The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents

submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the

scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete

communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first

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The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor

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an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily

obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Douglas B. Blair whose telephone number is 571-272-3893. The

examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5pm Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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